

**EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fabian, Lynn Gauger, Linda Schwallie

MEMBER EXCUSED: Ann Marie Rathburn

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Ph.D., Bureau Director; John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel; Pamela Meicher, Program Assistant

GUEST: Vince Ritacca, DHFS/DSL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Schwallie called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.m. A quorum of three members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: Request to Supervise – John Green
AMFTRB Meeting
Meeting with Secretary
Training Certificate Update
Review of Applications
Psychometric Testing – Dr. Charles Barnard
Visitor Comments – Vince Ritacca

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

Corrections: Page 1 – Change the second WCB to DHFS.
Change sentence to read “It was his understanding at one time that the DHFS wanted the department to explore the possibility to handle the AODA certification.
Page 2 – Under Board Business; delete last sentence in paragraph three.
Change motion to read “Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Peter Fabian”
Page 3 – Take out the word “as” in the first motion. Change AMFT to AMFTRB.
In third motion change both “receded” to “received”. Move all information between “Open session recessed at 12:03 pm” and “Reconvene to Open session”, to open session.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES

Noted.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RULES RE; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR LICENSES TO TREAT ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCY OR ABUSE AS A SPECIALTY

REPORT ON MEETING WITH SECRETARY HERRERA AND DHFS REPRESENTATIVES, FABIAN AND GAUGER

Lynn Gauger started the report off by stating that the goal of the meeting was to provide Secretary Herrera with the Joint Examining Board's position on AODA. Ms. Gauger also shared the stressors of the Board and how the Board and DRL has accomplished so much in three months, that would normally take 12-18 months.

Peter Fabian gave a marvelous, detailed history on why the Board is where they are on the issue. Doug Knight had reported on the original psychotherapy task force and stated that DHFS was part of the original process and is not sure why they waited until the deadline to object to the rules pertaining to AODA.

Secretary Herrera would like to see the Boards and DHFS work together. The Board believes that Secretary Dube has been more the interventive type, however, Secretary Herrera has shown his support by the budget initiative.

REPORT OF AMFTRB MEETINGS, OCTOBER 23-24, 2002, SCHWALLIE

Linda Schwallie gave the Section her report on the AMFTRB meeting she attended on October 23-24, 2002. Ms. Schwallie discussed the new AMFTRB chair Dan Lord of Kansas, and how he runs a much tighter meeting than the previous chair.

At a round table discussion with other AMFTRB attendees, she was shocked and amazed at the power that the WCB has in Wisconsin, compared to other similar certification organizations in other states. Other areas of discussion were portability of licenses, the national exam, continuing competency, evaluation of distance learning and regulatory board member functions.

The bulk of time spent was spent discussing collaborative topics. Those topics are impact of technology on regulations, effective disciplinary actions, regulation of MFT supervision, portability of licenses, and continuing competency.

There was also a short discussion on E Therapy. The main concern was that if a state is silent on this issue, all supervision hours can theoretically be online. The Board believes that face to face supervision is the crux of your professional training, and therefore, need to ensure that Wisconsin is not silent on this issue. The Board agrees that E Therapy is an international issue. Kimberly Nania told the Board that she would try to contact Tommy Thompson and share the Boards concerns with him.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Kimberly Nania introduced Vince Ritacca, DHFS, who was part of the group who wrote the rules for HF75. Mr. Ritacca gave a history of his involvement with HF75 to his current work with ACT 80. Mr. Ritacca advised the Section that the WCB is under contract with DHFS under HF75. Mr. Ritacca will join the SWMFTPC Joint Board later today for further discussion on this issue.

The Section then addressed what they would like to bring to the Joint Board meeting later in the day. The section agreed that there were three areas that should be discussed:

- There is a perception issue of specialization and there are differences between the WCB and the Board. The Board's concept of specialization goes beyond the core basics, which includes a foundation upon which a specialty is built on. This is a judgment call and made on a case by case basis.
- Scope of practice can treat AODA versus scope of treatment, treatment is individual. If the degree of severity or complexity exceeds the ability to practice beyond your training, a referral should be made
- The Board would also like to clarify the role of MFTs to the WCB. The WCB may be crossing over into the MFT area when treating members of families being treated for AODA.

REQUEST TO SUPERVISE – JOHN GREEN

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to approve John Green, MSSW, LCSW, as a marriage and family therapy supervisor for Cynthia Grajkowski. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSE APPLICATION

The Board noted the latest marriage and family therapist license application forms. The forms will be discussed further at the January Section meeting.

REVIEW OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY TRAINING LICENSE APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Board noted the latest marriage and family therapy training license application forms. The forms will be discussed further at the January Section meeting.

PSYCHOMETRIC TESTING – DR. CHARLES BARNARD

Peter Fabian reported on the report from Dr. Charles Barnard on the proposed rule changes for psychometric testing. The APA has three levels of exams; level A, level B and level C. Some examples of the differences in levels are level A has no requirements for who can administer the exam. Level B exams require verification of a masters certificate. Mr. Fabian would like this presented as an informational item at the MFTPCSW Joint Board meeting. He requests that the board consider following the APA guidelines for exams.

CONSULTING WITH LEGAL

John Schweitzer handed out copies of a letter from Jim Schoneman, Principle III Professional Competence and Integrity, provided by Peter Fabian, and the actions taken or requests for more information list from the MFT Section meeting held on 06/06/02. Kimberly Nania provided the website for the national database of disciplinary actions; www.hpdbk-hipdb.com.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to review applications, deliberate on proposed Stipulations, review DOE cases, and, consult with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Peter Fabian-yes; Lynn Gauger-yes; Linda Schwallie-yes. Motion carried .

Open session recessed at 12:04 pm.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

Open session reconvened at 12:40 pm.

REVIEW APPLICATIONS

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to approve the application materials for Jane Jaszewski so she may sit for the AMFTRB examination. Motion carried.

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to request a letter from FTTI for verification of education in the matter of Renee J. Ladwig. Motion carried.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the application materials for Mark M. Meixensperger so he may sit for the AMFTRB examination. Motion carried.

CASE STATUS REPORT

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Lynn Gauger, to close complaint **02 MFT 001**, for no violation. Peter Fabian abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to close complaint **02 MFT 007**, for no violation. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

John Schweitzer provided the Section with a copy of the January Regulatory Digest article “Licensure: One Board Member’s Historical Perspective”, written by Lynn Gauger.

OTHER SECTION BUSINESS

Kimberly Nania provided the Section with new 2003 Board meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lynn Gauger moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.